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25X1 The following information on component units of the "Generala Viesta" Inf Bn stationed in SPICAK (N 50/Q 67) was obtained:

1. Superior headquarters:

"Generala Viesta" Inf Bn in KASPERSKÉ HOŘY (N 50/Q 27). The battalion was subordinate to a brigade in SUSICE (N 50/Q 28).

2. Quarters:

The 1st and 6th Co were quartered in a two-story log-house in SPICAK. The same building also housed an NCO school for mortar training. Another SPICAK log-house had a guardroom, orderly rooms, a messhall, NCO and EM quarters.

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4. Strength:

The 1st Co had 18 EM, with some company personnel attending an NCO school in REJSTĚJN (N 50/Q 27).

The 6th Co had 2 officers, 7 NCOs and 15 EM, with about 30 more men being detached for courses.

5. Weapons of the 6th Co:

Six 82-mm mortars
Two 45-mm AT guns
Four light machine guns (Czech)
Twelve bazookas (German)

The mortar tubes were of Czech origin, the sighting devices of Soviet origin. New Czechoslovakian submachine guns were issued to the company. After the company was sworn in (28 October 1949).

6. Training of the 6th Co:

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Six-week basic training; five-month training with weapons. The training was aimed at the defense of the border. March practice toward the border was held every week. Observation and orientation exercises were held towards the Bavarian border area.

7. Border control:

The border sector of MILENA RUDA (N 50/C 07) was guarded by SNB personnel.

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Comment:

a. The report confirms the SPIOK 1st and 6th Cos of the 26th "Generala Viesta" Indep Inf Bn whose component units are located primarily in KASPERSKA HORY.

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c. Even allowing for the detached personnel, the stated strengths of the two companies are low. The data on weapons confirms previous information, with the exception of the new Czech submachine gun model 48 which was not known to have been introduced into the army. A rough sketch of the sub-machine gun tallies with the photograph attached to a previous report. *

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